Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: I do not want to know the recommendations. All that I want to know is whether it is on the recommendation of the Director that grants are being given ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The Director makes recommendations.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether the Director is qualified to understand the desirability of allowing grants to these technical schools ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: What are the qualifications of the Director, for instance, regarding textiles ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The Textile Expert reports on the matter and the Director also makes his inspections.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether it is on the independent recommendation of the Director of Industries that grants are being sanctioned ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: No, Sir.

Compositors in the Government Press.

59. * **Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju** (*Nominated*): Will the Governmet be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of compositors, including piece-workers, in the Government Press at present ;

(*b*) the number of Christians among them ;

(*c*) whether Christian compositors are now being compelled to work on Sundays ; and

(*d*) the number of hours for which the compositors in the Government Press are now made to work daily excepting Sundays, and including over-time work ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:

(*a*) 145.

(*b*) 21.

(*c*) Yes, when such extra work is found unavoidable.

(*d*) There is no limit now fixed beyond which the employees cannot be required to work, and as such, work is continued however late it be till the urgent item is finished. Thus the maximum the men have to work may, at times, though very rarely, go up to 20 hours or more as the case may be, with of course short recess for tiffin.

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